

Date: 3/5/2020

Project Name: Cheley Camp Permit Renewal

Project Lead: Recreation

CE Category: 36 CRF 220.6(e)(15)

A proposed action may be categorically excluded from documentation in an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS) if it a) fits within one of the designated Categorical Exclusion categories in the [Forest Service Handbook](#) and b) if analysis shows there are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed action. This screening form helps ensure that resource conditions are considered in determining whether extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal warrant further analysis and documentation in an EA or EIS.

The mere presence of one or more of these resource conditions does not preclude use of a categorical exclusion (CE). It is the existence of a cause-effect relationship between a proposed action and the potential effect on these resource conditions and if such a relationship exists, the degree of the potential effect of a proposed action on these resource conditions that determine whether extraordinary circumstances exist. If the degree of potential effect raises uncertainty over its significance, then an extraordinary circumstance exists, precluding use of a categorical exclusion.

Resource conditions that must be considered	Resource conditions present? YES NO		Degree of effect None Negligible Minor Exceeds Minor	Design changes or additional elements Needed? YES NO		Comments and data sources
Federally listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat, or Forest Service sensitive species (TERRESTRIAL & AMPHIBIANS)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	none	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No new use or new habitat alteration
Federally listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat, or Forest Service sensitive species (AQUATIC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	none	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Federally listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat, or Forest Service sensitive species (PLANTS)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Floodplains	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	none	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Municipal watersheds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	none	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Wilderness or Wilderness Study Areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	none	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Existing uses
Wild, Scenic, or Recreational Rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
National Recreation Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
National Scenic Trails	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	None	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Existing uses
Inventoried Roadless Areas or Potential Wilderness Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Research Natural Areas (RNAs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
American Indians and Alaska Native - Religious or Cultural Sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Archaeological Sites or Historic Properties or Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

In addition to reviewing potential for extraordinary circumstances, other potential environmental effects were considered for this project.

Environmental Resources	Not Applicable - Out of Scope Or Resource Not Present	Resource Present But No or Negligible Impacts	Minor Impacts	Minor Impacts - <i>With Mitigation</i>	Impacts Likely to Exceed Minor/More Data Needed Is EA/EIS Required?
Physical resources					
Air quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Geology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hydrology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noise/Light	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paleontology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Bio-ecological resources					
Entymology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire/fuels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forest vegetation/timber	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Native Plants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water Quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cultural resources (those not addressed above)					
Other historic or cultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social and economic resources					
Environmental justice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local or regional economies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visitor use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Human and built resources					
Facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lands/Realty/Utilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minerals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Range	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roadless	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads/Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scenery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special uses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trails	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Recommended design elements. List by issue.

Program Area	Before Implementation	After Implementation

Recommended mitigation measures. List by issue.

Program Area	Before Implementation	After Implementation
Native Plants	Ask for pellet use rather than hay in order to prevent further spread of weeds	
Wilderness	Current permit allows 18 heartbeats per group, not in alignment with wilderness standards	Ensure that only 12 heartbeats in one group at one time
Heritage	Follow Heritage Resources protections outlined in Section XII of the Appendix G – Operating Standards. Special emphasis should be provided to ensure protection of the Homestead Meadows Special Interest Area from damage, vandalism, and unauthorized collection of artifacts.	Already in current permit language and should remain in operating guidelines.

Field visits needed?

Program Area	Before Decision	Before Implementation	During Implementation	After Implementation

Estimated Scoping Start Date: Jan 2020

Estimated Decision Date: March 2020

Estimated Implementation Date: immediately

(To be completed by Environmental Coordinator or Line Officer)

Disposition of Project

☒ **Categorically Exclude.**

The proposed project may be categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS pending completion of the analysis and final decision by the Responsible Official. This project::

- ☒ requires a decision memo.
- ☐ does not require a decision memo.

☐ **Do not Categorically Exclude.**

Prepare an EA or EIS because the proposed project:

- ☐ does not meet the requirements of a categorical exclusion;
- ☐ would result in extraordinary circumstances; or
- ☐ potentially would result in significant impacts to resources not covered by extraordinary circumstances

☐ **Covered by a different decision (letter to file):** _____

ADDITIONAL NOTES if needed

Double check that appropriate cultural resource protections are in the operating plan – done 3/6/2020. Keep language in current guidelines.

Signature

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District Ranger

☒ Approved under District Ranger Authority: _____

☐ Recommended for Forest Supervisor Approval: _____ Date: _____